



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2275

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Maximize the CHAMPIONS Program by being on-site at least twice a week in six North Florida counties. Provide a robust digital report card and make an easily accessible mobile experience to continue positive behavior change. Add key innovations within certain high risk populations such as nutritional guidance.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Provide comparable salaries to coaches.	550,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost of coaches travel to be in person with youth in surrounding counties. New equipment for youth to use.	450,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The goal is to improve the long-term health of the youth in Jefferson, Gadsden, Wakulla, Calhoun, Liberty and Leon Counties by providing proper fitness, wellness and nutrition education to every school twice a week.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?



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Students will be provided after-school or in-school instruction by CHAMPIONS Coaches to help achieve long-term overall wellness. Serving over 23,000 children and being on site at least twice a week for instructional support in all capacities. An accessible app with a digital report card to continue positive behavior changes.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Services include personalized coaching, long term fitness testing, nutritional intervention and additional support for components that encompass living a healthy lifestyle.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, and grade school students.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Improvement of physical health by providing a program that teaches good exercise habits and how to take care of physical health long term. These goals can be measured by specific fitness testing, such as BMI, 300 yard dash, waist-to-hip ratios and improvement on dietary habits. The program will reduce the number of at-risk children in the overweight and obese as well as underweight categories of population health.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Reversion of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number